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Next Meeting

11:30 a.m.
March 8, 2025
at
Swamp Shack
111 Abner Jackson Pkwy
Lake Jackson, Texas

Program

Merle Hudgins



UNKNOWN FACTS ABOUT THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Enjoy an informative program presented by Wharton County Historian Merle Hudgins. Merle Hudgins has over seventy articles regarding Wharton County in the Texas Handbook Online.



TEXAS SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER # 33 MEETING MINUTES February 8, 2025

The Sons of the American Revolution met February 8, 2025, at Mikeska's BBQ in El Campo, TX.

Call to Order: President David Garza called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

Invocation: Chaplain Jim Leach gave the invocation.

Pledges: Vice President J. D. Humber led the pledges to the flags of the United States, Texas, and the Sons of the American Revolution, as well as the mission statement.

Introduction of Guests: President Garza introduced Dr. Spellman and his wife Kathleen as well as Ms. Dean and Kaylee Dean.

Minutes: The November minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as submitted by Chris Wendel.

Program: President Garza introduced the speaker, Dr. Paul Spellman, a member of the Wharton County Junior College History Department. Dr. Spellman spoke on "The Boston Massacre." In the 1760's there was increasing tension in the American colonies over the British government's increased taxes. Three hundred British troops were usually stationed in Boxtton (population 20,000), but in 1768 they were increased to 3,000, an intimidating presence. Colonists began jeering the troops "go home," who became increasingly uneasy. In 1769, a teenager was shot by troops, further increasing tensions, which had elevated

further by February 1770. On the evening of February 5, a British private was guarding the custom house and came to the attention of a gathering crowd of 30-40 people. They jeered and kids threw snowballs at the soldiers. The private called for help, and 6 other soldiers arrived. The crowd grew, and rocks were thrown at the seven soldiers, hitting one. Somehow, a trigger was pulled, the bullet striking a person in the crowd. Other soldiers fired, and the crowd dispersed, leaving 11, 4 dead, seven wounded. Subsequently the British force retreated to the harbor. The next day Samuel Adams wrote a newspaper article titled "Boston Massacre – Innocent Blood Spilled." He detailed a false account of what happened, alleging that a British firing squad had executed the four men. This could well have started the Revolutionary War. Cooler heads prevailed among the British. The soldiers involved were arrested, tried, and punished when the actual events came out. Both sides stepped back from the brink, and 1771, 1772, and 1773 were quiet. But the "Boston Massacre" was the first stage leading up to the Revolutionary War. Following his talk, President Garza presented Dr. Spellman with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Awards/Recognitions:

: President Garza awarded Dr. Bill Griffiths with the Chapter Distinguished Service medal and Past President pin with certificate.

: President Garza presented Past President Certificates to Rodney Weems and Carl Wiggins. Certificates will be mailed to Ray Beale and Win Avera.

: Community Outreach Chairperson Rodney Weems awarded Kaylee Dean a certificate as a Knight Essay Contest winner. Ms. Dean gave a brief description of her essay.

: Community Outreach Chairperson Rodney Weems awarded Everett Humber a check and certificate for being an

Americanism Brochure contest winner. Everett described his brochure.

Reports of Officers/Committees:

Registrar: Bill Sanders updated status of pending applications.

Webmaster: Carl Wiggins gave status of web page.

Community Outreach/Education: Rodney Weems gave the status of upcoming SAR contests.

Old Business: The chapter float was briefly discussed.

New Business: President Garza led the discussion about potential future meeting places.

Correspondence: None

Members Present: Bill Griffiths, Rodney Weems, Sandy Weems, Carl Wiggins, Chris Wendel, J. D. Humber, Everett Humber, Jim Leach.

Guests Present: Ms. Griffiths, Dr. and Mrs. Spellman, Ms., Dean and Kaylee Dean.

Next Chapter Meeting: March 8, 2025, at Swamp Shack, Lake Jackson, TX. Merle Hudgins will speak on "The Postal System."



REMEMBER

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March 8, 2025

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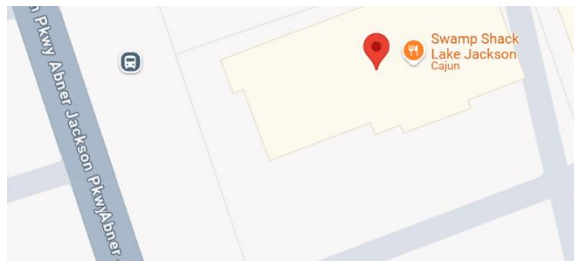
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Menu:

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Treasures Report

| GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (FREE CHECKING) | |
|---|-------------|
| Beginning Statement Balance: 2/01/2025 | \$ 1,969.14 |
| INCOME: | |
| Interest Income: | \$ 0.03 |
| TOTAL INCOME: | \$ 0.03 |
| EXPENSES: | |
| Ck. #1101 Rodney Weems invoices postage & certificates | \$ 35.69 |
| Ck. #1104 - Mikeskas BBQ guest meals | \$ 72.15 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES: | \$ 107.84 |
| Ending General Fund Statement Balance: 2/28/2025 | \$ 1,861.33 |
| McAlexander Fund (MAIN SHARE) ¹ UNIFORM PURCHASE ACCOUNT | |
| Beginning Statement Balance: 2/01/2025 | \$ 905.45 |
| INCOME: | |
| Interest Income: | \$ 0.07 |
| TOTAL INCOME: | \$ 0.07 |
| EXPENSES: | |
| No Cleared or Uncleared expenses | \$ - |
| TOTAL EXPENSES: | \$ - |
| Ending McAlexander Fund Statement Balance: 2/28/2025 | \$ 905.52 |
| JROTC ACCOUNT (IN HOUSE ACCOUNT) | |
| Beginning Statement Balance: 2/01/2025 | \$ 558.33 |
| INCOME: | |
| TOTAL INCOME: NONE | \$ - |
| EXPENSES: | |
| No Cleared or Uncleared expenses | \$ - |
| TOTAL EXPENSES: | \$ - |
| Ending JROTC Fund balance: 2/28/2025 | \$ 558.33 |
| TOTAL COMBINED BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCE | \$ 2,766.85 |
| Checks outstanding: | |
| Ck. #1102 - Everett Humber | \$ 100.00 |
| CK. #1103 - Kaylee Dean | \$ 100.00 |
| CK. #1105 - Rodney Weems - Medals & Certificates | \$ 131.50 |
| Total of checks outstanding: | \$ 331.50 |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE WORKING BALANCE | \$ 971.50 |
| (General Fund minus JROTC Fund minus outstanding checks) | |

THIS MONTH DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
MARCH 17, 1776 - BRITISH EVACUATE BOSTON
“EVACUATION DAY”



On March 17, 1776, British forces evacuate Boston after General George Washington’s successful placement of fortifications and cannons on Dorchester Heights. This placement gave American forces control of the City as American artillery took commanding position of the city from the south.

Mid-19th Century Steel Engraving – *The Evacuation of Boston*
Drawn by L. Hollis – Engraved by F.T. Stuart, Boston



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